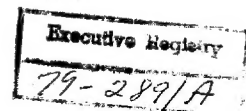


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Mr. Fred Seely, Managing Editor
The Florida Times-Union
One Riverside Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32201

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter of 6 February and for expressing your encouragement in meeting one of our most difficult challenges--raising the level of understanding and rallying the support of the American people for the important intelligence enterprise.

I also appreciate your invitation, but some of us have to fight our uphill battles in more frigid climes.

Thank you again for your kind words.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank C. Carlucci

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Mr. Frank Carlucci
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Salisbury, Maryland

Dear Frank:

I found your talk before Rotary a very informative one and I congratulate you on the frankness of your presentation.

The points you made concerning Freedom of Information and First Amendment rights were well taken, and I confess they were in accord with my own thoughts.

As a managing editor, I find myself in disagreement with many of my peers who think that national security is nothing more than a copyrighted story for their pages. The correlation you drew between your problems and the press' problems was perfect; I only wish that more of my peers would look past the next day's editions and think of the overall impact.

I am not one to say that we should hide everything. The CIA will make mistakes, just as The Florida Times-Union will, and they should be brought into the open and admitted to the taxpayers. The CIA has brought problems upon itself by hiding mistakes, and candor (such as you displayed) will prove to be beneficial in the long haul.

Please don't quit forcefully stating the Agency's viewpoint. Your message is one which should be told forcefully, just as you told it to Rotary and just as Admiral Turner told it to a national television audience the previous day.

As a journalist, I am alarmed at recent Supreme Court decisions regarding press freedom and protection of confidential sources. As a citizen, I am alarmed at recent legislation which opens CIA files.

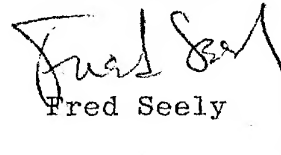
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I fully agree that we are partners in this battle, and again I urge you to keep bringing your message to the public.

Thanks for visiting with us flatlanders down here in what we call "Deep South Georgia". I heard many good comments from fellow Rotarians, and I suspect we'll allow Max Morris to stay in the club even though most of his friends are pointy-headed bureaucrats such as Frank Carlucci.

Come back and visit with us. The golf is excellent, the social life is equal to Burning Tree's and the only security threats are those who rob crab traps.

Sincerely,


Fred Seely

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